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We continue to supply large bottles as
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One of the most interesting points touched upon by the Colonial Surgeon in his annual report is the provision of accommodation for private (paying) patients at the Government Civil Hospital. The number of this class of patients last year was 527 as against 402 the previous year. Seven years ago the number was only 260. The total amount of fees received in 1890 was \$16,116, being an increase of \$4,670 on the amount received in 1889. A portion of the total must be credited to the Board of Trade, how much the report does not show, but by far the larger portion, and the whole of last year's increase, comes from the private paying patients. With the provision of further accommodation the income from this source might be largely augmented. The demand, Dr. Arzoo tells us, is greatly in excess of the capacity of the portion of the establishment available for private patients, and very many who would have been glad to be in the first class have had to be content with the second class accommodation, and many have had to be turned away. The thoroughly efficient trained nursing staff has greatly increased the demand, many people who under the former system of half-trained European and Chinese nurses would never have thought of applying for accommodation being now anxious to be received. Considering the circumstances of Hongkong, and how few of the residents have the opportunity of receiving proper attention in their own residences when overtaken by illness, it is very desirable that sufficient accommodation should be provided in the Civil Hospital. The service ought of course to be made self-supporting, for it is not part of the Government's duty to provide medical attendance for those who are able to pay for it themselves. The present fee of \$3 per diem for a first-class patient, which covers everything, including medicine and medical comforts, seems somewhat low, and if rent and the doctor's services are taken into consideration can hardly cover the cost. For second-class patients it is desirable that the fee should be kept as low as is reasonably possible, in order that the advantages of the hospital may be accessible to all classes of the community, but people who want to be treated as first-class patients ought to be required to pay accordingly.

It has been proposed by Dr. Arzoo and Mr. Arzoo that in which he provides addi-

tional wards for paying patients two stories should be added to the buildings sanctioned for stores, rooms, etc. We are willing to accept the opinion of these gentlemen as to the desirability of the proposal they make, provided no extension of accommodation can be secured in the existing buildings. This, however, is not quite clear. Dr. Arzoo has originally proposed that private wards should be made in the new Lock Hospital. The word "new" as applied to this building is now somewhat out of date for it has been in existence many years. Though built for a Lock Hospital it has hardly been used at all for that purpose, and now that the Contagious Diseases Acts have been repealed we see no reason why it should be so used. Women who submit voluntarily are still examined and are treated if found diseased, but the number treated last year was only 82, and the average number of cases under treatment at one time could not be more than four or five. To maintain a commodious and handsome structure like the Lock Hospital for such a small handful of patients would be a very wasteful waste of valuable accommodation. At the time the building was erected the number of women under treatment was expected to be many times larger than it is now. The patients are at present accommodated in a couple of Chinese houses rented for the purpose, and this arrangement might be continued without detriment to their comfort, but it would possibly be more economical for the Government to erect a small building of its own for the purpose than to go on paying rent. The Lock Hospital is now being used as quarters for the nursing staff of the Civil Hospital, but the quarters specially built for these ladies will shortly be available. Whether the nurses should remain where they are and allow the new building to be used as wards for private paying patients, or whether they should remove and allow the building known as the Lock Hospital to be used, is a question to be determined by considerations of which the medical staff will be the best judges, but one of the two buildings ought to be available for the purpose.

The Colonial Surgeon's references to the Lock Hospital are, we fear, calculated to convey an erroneous impression as to the effect of the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Ordinances. Any one casually reading the report might suppose that the repeal of that useful measure had not been attended by any alarming increase of disease, but a reference to the tables will soon correct such an impression. It is true that in 1890 only 82 cases of disease were found in 11,914 examinations of public women as against 414 cases in 13,425 examinations in 1889, the year before the repeal of the Ordinance, but last year the defect in attendance was 2,646 as against only 919 in 1889, showing that a large proportion of the women stay away when they find themselves diseased, which is precisely what might be expected. The healthy women appreciate the advantages attendant upon examination, and some few who suffer from disease are glad to avail themselves of treatment in the hospital, but the majority of those diseased find it out for themselves and are unwilling voluntarily to forego the gains from the practice of their business. This has become a source of contagion. The disease was slightly less rampant in the Colony last year than in 1889, but it was very bad and shows an alarming increase in 1890. In 1890 the number of men admitted into the Military Hospital suffering from this class of disease was 419, out of a total strength of 1,534, whereas in 1889 the number admitted to hospital was 218 out of a total strength of 1,306, showing an increase of percentage from 16 to 26. No returns are now sent from the Navy, so that comparison in regard to that arm of the service is impossible. The returns from the Police tell the same tale as those from the Military. In 1889 the number of men admitted to hospital was 26 out of a total of 445, a percentage of 5.8, whereas in 1890 the number admitted was 69 out of a total of 507, or almost ten per cent. The said effect of the mistaken policy adopted in repealing the Ordinance is also shown by the increased prevalence of disease amongst merchant seamen. In 1886 the number of merchant seamen visiting the port was 16,507, and the number of admissions to the Civil Hospital 35, whereas in 1890 there were 153 cases out of 13,015 men. These figures do not, like the Military and Police returns, give a proportion of the total number of cases, only a small proportion of those occurring in the mercantile marine finding their way to hospital, but the comparison between the number of admissions in the two years is significant of an alarming increase of disease.

Dr. Arzoo concludes his report with some remarks on the alleged hardships of the staff of the medical department. He tells us that when the increase of salaries for the different departments was under consideration this year the Secretary of State was of opinion that owing to alterations, new appointments, &c., no increase of pay was necessary in this department, but at Dr. Arzoo's representation individual officers were allowed to present their cases to the Secretary of State for further consideration. The Secretary of State, while not granting any increase of pay, has, we understand, made some concessions in respect of consulting practice, which may perhaps turn out as valuable to the gentlemen concerned. Dr. Arzoo says that he himself is \$3,000 a year worse off than when he joined the service, but he does not state how this result is arrived at. Formerly he enjoyed private practice, which he gave up in consideration of an increase of pay, but he was presumably a consenting party to the arrangement. If so it is hardly open to him to complain of it now. We are not prepared to say that the Medical Department was not treated somewhat unfairly by being left out in the cold when the scheme for the general increase of salaries was adopted, but leaving that aside and looking at the matter on general grounds we can hardly consider Dr. Arzoo's plea justified by facts or in the best possible taste. He says the work done in the department is three times greater all round than it was when he joined the department eighteen years ago, but fails to state that he has been twice as many men to do it. He says further that they can all no longer have their own

fees, but as a matter of fact we know that the members of the Medical Department find about as much time for recreation as the majority of the residents. The difficulty, then, experience in obtaining leave is a matter which we think the Government should consider liberally in each particular case, but with the present strength of the department the difficulty can hardly be so great as it was formerly. Another complaint is that none of the medical officers are capable of acting for any officer in other departments and so obtaining increased pay. The Medical Department is not singular in this respect, however; the members of the Educational, the Botanical and Afforestation, and the Observatory staffs are all similarly circumstanced, and it can hardly be considered a hardship by professional men whose services are engaged by the Colony for special purposes that they are not called upon to act in the office of Colonial Secretary or in other capacities for which they have no special qualifications.

There were 2,185 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 143 were Europeans. Official information regarding the temporary light at Gap Rock will be found in our advertisement columns.

Mr. Ando Taro, formerly Japanese Consul in Hongkong, has been appointed a Secretary of the Foreign Department.

The Superintendent informs us that the P. & O. steamer *London* left Singapore for this port yesterday at 10.30 a.m.

The Agents (Messrs. D. S. Benson, Sons & Co.) inform us that the E. & A. steamer *Cotter*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on the 18th inst. for this port.

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In the Bankruptcy Court yesterday a Chinese trader was put on the liquidation of his estate.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha new steamer *Gei-za Maru* is to be put on the Tientsin line.

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in human flesh for the purpose of prostitution. The prisoner was charged with bringing three women into the colony. On June last a woman named Achan got hold of these three women in Canton and told them if they came down to Hongkong they would get better employment and a better rate of wages. The women agreed to come to Hongkong and came down by the night boat on the 12th June last. They arrived here they were taken to a prisoner's house. While there they heard conversation and expressions used which left no doubt that they had been kidnapped, and further that they were to be sold as slaves. They were taken to the police station and removed by Inspector Lee, of the Metropolitan General Department.

The defense was that the defendant was a passenger broker and that the girls were brought to him by a woman in the ordinary way of business. The jury acquitted the defendant on the charge of bringing the girls to the colony, but unanimously found him guilty of detaining the girls and also of harboring them with intent to sell them out of the colony for an unlawful purpose.

His Lordship, in sentencing the prisoner, said that the jury had found him guilty on the evidence produced before them and that they would be well to remember that the work of the whole of the trial was therefore taken up, and the ground was levelled, and in addition to the great improvement in appearance, the levelling of the ground would be a great improvement in the propagation of plants which the ground beneath large trees, where the shade has been cut off, and the ground is levelled, the quality of the soil is improved, and the ground is levelled, and in addition to the great improvement in appearance, the levelling of the ground would be a great improvement in the propagation of plants which the ground beneath large trees, where the shade has been cut off, and the ground is levelled, the quality of the soil is improved, and the ground is levelled, and in addition to the great improvement in appearance, the levelling of the ground would be a great improvement in the propagation of 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Next stepped forth the Proto-Popa in gorgeous garments, which to some minds was and is awe-inspiring, and read: "It is with the greatest joy we welcome your arrival in this remote region. True, your travels are still far from completion. On the road you will meet many peoples occupying the vast territories of Siberia, but you will find them all loyal children of Russia, tremblingly awaiting the meeting with our great guest, to whom we wish to extend our warmest greetings. On the road you will meet many peoples occupying the vast territories of our common country the desire to see the holy son of our monarch seemed impossible to realise. But now we enjoy it and consequently this remote corner of our country is the object of our warmest wishes. We are glad to see you and wish to point out new aspects and assumes new importance. I believe it has been regarded by many as insignificant. It is now a place of great importance and we wish to see you here."

Perth, the metropolis of Western Australia, will shortly have a mosque. It will minister to the religious requirements of the numerous Muslims who are employed in the past factories along the West Australian coast. Its raison d'être is thus lucidly stated by a local scribe:—

"If groping among coral reefs and fathoms deep, with skua hovering overhead for a bite as you come up for a breath, and devil-fish scrapping their tentacles in anticipation of a hug, is not enough to make a man wish for a place to pray in, he must be a confirmed Agnostic!"

millions in 1881, and to eight millions in 1890. The losses of the year 1890, which was liquidated last year, again reduced the fund to \$6,668,800 at the end of 1890. The average losses borne by the insurance end during the thirty-four years the company has been in existence were \$655,000; the heaviest loss was in 1877, when it amounted to \$3,767,848. The present balance would be sufficient to meet the scarcely probable eventuality of the loss of three millions. The total receipts for the year 1890 were \$600,653,027, and the expenses, including amortization and insurance, \$3,262,009. The debenture that was being placed on the market in 1890 was of \$2,000,000, bearing at 4 per cent, and the company's loss of \$2,018,818 that year, which \$3,600,000 was applied to payment of a dividend of 150, or 6 per cent, and the surplus was added to the principal of debenture fund.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer *Leo Sok*, from Saigon
14th July, had moderate to fresh monsoon and
early weather with rain.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.
AGENTS.

1. Geo. Thompson, British bk. from Sydney.
2. Hsichway Kien, Jap. str. from K'angnan.
3. Glenavon, British str. from Hankow.
4. Chuans, German str. from Hongkong.
5. Poshan, Chinese str. from Hongkong.
6. Hsiao-ching, Chinese str. from Wenzow.
7. Fung-shun, Chinese str. from Tientsin.
8. Hae-shih, Chinese str. from Foochow.
9. Akashi, Japanese str. from Nagasaki.
10. Jamsongoon, Chinese str. from Liverpool.
11. Chinche, British steamer from Fuzhou.

Apply to
JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary,
THE AUSTIN HOTEL AND
BUILDING COMPANY, LD.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1891. | 1538

NOTICE.
TO LET.
THE PREMISES No. 9, PRATA CENTRAL,
 lately occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL &
 The whole by sale or single rooms, suit-
 able for Offices and Dwelling.
 Apply to
E. D. HASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1891. | 1539

<p>LE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the value of \$100,000, on first-class risks at cur- rent rates.</p> <p>DUNN, MELBYE & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 16th February, 1885.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.</p> <p>As the Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.</p> <p>SIMONSEN & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 16th November, 1884.</p>	<p>16</p>

THE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

THE CAPTAINS, THE AGENTS, nor the
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contracted by the Officers & the Crews
of any Vessels during their stay in
this Harbour —

MAIZE, Brit. str., James Edwards — Smith,
& Co.

MAIZE, Brit. str., E. Porter — I edwell, Car-
& Co.

MAIZE, Brit. str., W. James — Enterfield &
Squire.

MAIZE, Brit. str., Pantou — Douwell, Carill

MAIZE, Brit. str., J. Clark — Captain.

MAIZE, Brit. str., Dingo — Melrose & Co.

MAIZE, Brit. str., R. Martin — Chinese.

